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1. In Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia, the SMA ordered that all former German officers, including officials who held honorary rank, must register at their local police stations during the period 6 to 20 June. On registering, the persons concerned had to complete a Fragebogen giving details of their military careers.

2. In Thuringia during the first half of May, all former naval personnel of the rank of mate and above had to register. On police orders, relatives of men who fled to the West without registering forfeited their ration cards. A threat to this effect has also been published in Halle.

3. All former German Air Force and German Navy personnel, including women auxiliaries, in Delitzsch have had to report to the authorities. The poster giving this order stated further that relatives of those who endeavored to evade the order by fleeing to other zones would receive no ration cards and would be severely punished. A number of men and women have already received orders assigning them to duty.

4. Registrations of former Wehrmacht personnel have been taking place throughout the entire Soviet Zone. All ranks of non-commissioned officers and upward receive instructions to report within a few days to their local Komendatura. Lieutenants of considerable age (up to 42 years old) receive similar orders.

5. The procedure is as follows: A questionnaire has to be filled out giving details of rank, campaign, arm of service, special training and awards. There was one question on past political affiliations. Individuals were then interrogated by Soviet Officers on the basis of their questionnaire. Political matters played a very minor role in the course of this interrogation.

6. Some individuals have in the meantime received their call-up papers, and it appears that the former army personnel are called up under a plan called "Operation Oder-bruchregulierung". Naval personnel are mobilized under a plan called "Auf und Ausbau der Deutschen Binnenschiffahrt". The name of the operation for air force personnel is unknown.

7. In late May 1947 many men in Leipzig between the ages of 18 and 45, particularly Luftwaffe and Kriegsmarine personnel, received call-up notices. These conscriptions apparently function under "Operation Fishing" in the Baltic. Some conscriptees, however, have been given such places as Kiev and Minsk as their destinations.

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